



**Middlesex Beach Association  
January 19, 2023**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Building**

There are three large projects carried over from the previous year which have not yet completed; and six large projects which have begun since September. We have received word of another large project which we have not yet received. There are numerous small projects in the works – primarily decks, roofs, and siding. The Building Committee has reviewed the current Rules & Regulations for Construction and is not making any recommendations for changes this year.

**Commercial**

All committee members are present for duty.

Damage timber guardrail on Bridge: I spoke to Samantha who promised to give me her contact for discussing the damage repair at Dollar General (has not been provided as of the time of this report). Samantha indicated that any time she could prove DG staff damaged property, that this person was quick to pay. Samantha believes, since we have no proof the damage was caused by a DG vehicle, that we may have more difficulty getting DG to repay us. I will get a "ballpark" estimate from Don to replace the timber guardrail in place and draft a letter to DG.

Kathy Dryden's request to have Mike's Vegetable Stand move their porta potty a few feet next year: I mentioned this to John Kapon who indicated it would be no problem. I stressed Mike had to first satisfy the MBA instructions about where his porta potty could be and then manipulate it so Kathy did not have to see it outside her window.

Commercial area in general: I haven't seen any issues during my weekly drive through. If anyone else has seen an issue they have not told me.

**Community Patrol**

Accelerated advertising in Coastal Point has been promising. Six applications are currently in process including a few with prior experience and interest in working nights.

Budget in process, still gathering info regarding competitive hourly rates, etc. Exploring changing cellular service carrier which could save approximately \$1,000 from current budget.

As guard shack moves closer to resolution, two companies are ready to quote on a pilot security camera.

Once staffing is settled, there will be a late spring (after any new rules are approved) CP staff meeting to review the plan for the summer focused on any changes from prior years, the procedures related to the community wheelchair and any other new or potentially controversial areas.

### **Landscaping**

Our final 2022 volunteer weekend resulted in more pine needles being collected and spread on Beach Plum. Thanks to all the volunteers who made this work happen and homeowners who donated their pine needles. Both of the MBA Polaris vehicles were essential to the success of the fall pine needle effort.

CSA is soliciting bids for the two dead trees between Bridge and Addy on Route 1 that require professionals to remove them.

An essential component of the Landscaping Committee is education about what we are doing and why with on-site signage one of the approaches. The first sign will be at the corner of Beach Plum and Errett, where we started killing invasive ivy with cardboard and leftover yard waste paper bags that were covered by pine needles.

Every Pine Side tree on MBA property had vines cut at ground level by dedicated TWIG volunteers. In the future, TWIG will provide information for property owners about vines on their trees and why it is essential to avoid the damage they cause. Vines weaken healthy trees that oftentimes results in death of the tree.

A landscaping task for 2023 is the end of Bridge Road on the Pine Side, with a preliminary site review conducted in December.

Discussions about materials for the spring packet, the Pollinator Garden, and median wildflower meadows are underway.